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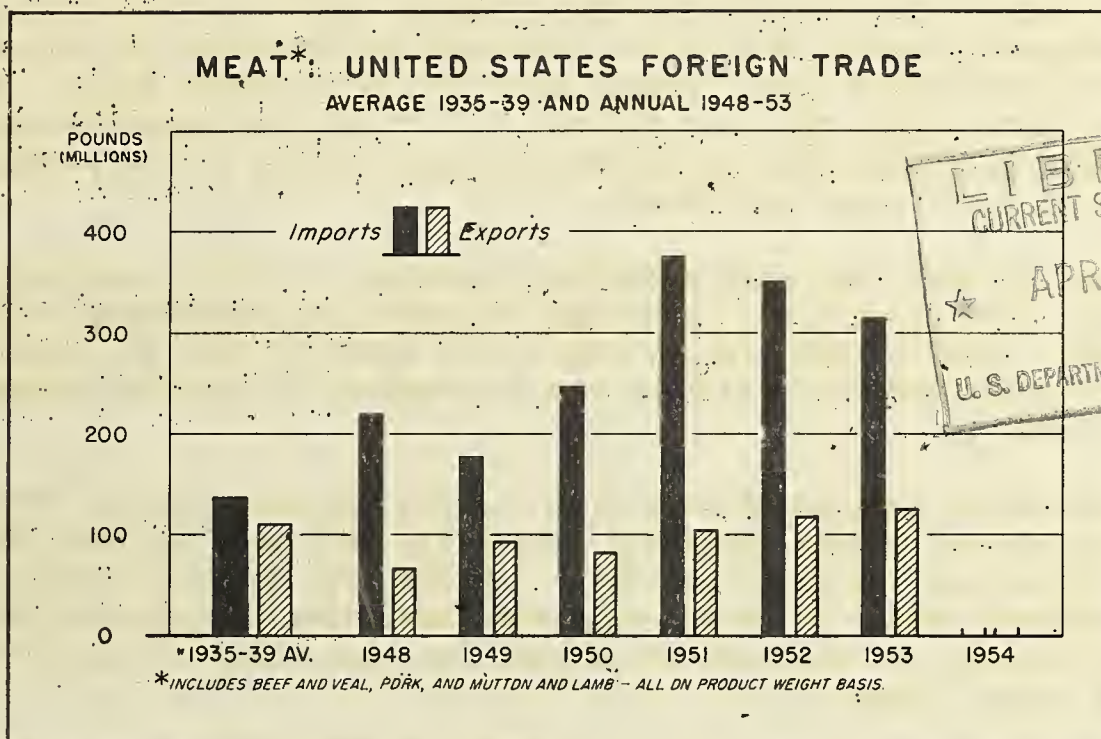
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UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE IN MEAT 1949 - 1953



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Total imports of meat by the United States in 1953 were moderately smaller than a year earlier. Inshipments of beef and of lamb and mutton were down substantially from 1952. Imports of pork were more than twice as large as a year earlier and were the largest of record. Entries of all meat in 1953 were the third largest of record, being exceeded only during 1951 and 1952. The United States continued to be a net importer of beef in 1953 as it has been for several years. More pork was imported than was exported for the first time since records were maintained beginning in 1826.

Imports made up only a small part of domestic use. Supplies of foreign beef and veal were equal to 1.7 percent of beef and veal consumption in 1953 compared with 3.4 percent a year earlier. The record imports

of pork amounted to only 1.6 percent of domestic use last year compared with .6 percent in 1952. Imported supplies of lamb and mutton made up only .4 percent of utilization during 1953 compared with .9 percent a year earlier.

Exports of meat during 1953 were slightly greater than a year earlier and were the largest since World War II when large shipments were being made under Lend-lease, UNRRA and other foreign assistance programs. Foreign shipments of beef were up substantially in 1953 reflecting shipments to Europe financed under programs of the Foreign Operations Administration. The overseas movement of pork declined moderately in 1953. Exports of fresh and frozen pork, bacon, and hams were off sharply but shipments of other salted or cured pork were twice as large as a year earlier.

Greater imports of pork and smaller imports of beef reflected the relative supply and price relationships for those meats. Beef supplies in the United States increased sharply in 1953 and consumption, averaging 76 pounds per person was a new record high. Prices were the lowest since 1946. On the other hand, pork output declined further in 1953 and per capita consumption averaged only 64 pounds, the lowest since 1942. Prices of hog products last year averaged the highest in 5 years.

Entries of beef from most principal suppliers in 1953 were less than a year earlier with significant reductions recorded for Argentina, Mexico, and Ireland. Imports from Uruguay were about equal in the two years. Imports from Canada increased materially as the foot-and-mouth disease embargo was lifted on March 1.

United States imports of pork from Canada, Denmark, Western Germany, the Netherlands and Poland increased materially last year and they continued to be the principal foreign suppliers. Entries from those countries, except Canada, consisted mostly of canned hams and shoulders. Canada was the only significant source of fresh or frozen pork but also supplied significant amounts of canned hams.

Total shipments of meats to each of ~~the~~ 3 countries, Canada, Cuba and Venezuela, which are our largest foreign outlets, declined in 1953. Canada and Venezuela have maintained embargoes on the imports of uncooked hog products from the United States due to the occurrence of vesicular exanthema, a hog disease in some sections of the United States. Mexico, another principal export destination, increased its imports of United States meat products in 1953. Cuba was by far the largest customer of the United States taking almost a fifth of all meat exported.

UNITED STATES: Foreign trade in meat, 1949-53

(Product weight Basis)					
Item	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
IMPORTS					
Beef and veal:					
Fresh, chilled or frozen beef	76,627	61,732	86,714	71,971	26,692
Fresh, chilled or frozen veal	6,706	9,533	7,298	98	447
Canned beef	72,347	124,621	153,904	120,181	100,098
Pickled and cured beef	1,621	3,009	60,093	60,519	12,796
Boneless beef ^{1/}	13,400	11,200	11,139	31,528	20,066
Total beef and veal	170,701	210,095	319,148	284,297	160,099
Pork:					
Fresh chilled or frozen	593	3,774	9,833	3,185	36,651
Hams, shoulders and bacon ^{2/}	2,029	26,624	37,622	57,192	106,106
Other pickled or salted	264	923	941	969	2,524
Sausage except fresh	3/	311	557	664	745
Total pork	2,886	31,632	48,953	62,010	146,026
Lamb and mutton:					
Fresh, chilled or frozen	3,656	3,393	6,736	6,156	3,123
Other canned meats or prepared or preserved meat: ^{4/}	6,370	8,814	3,753	4,113	3,219
Total meat imports	183,613	253,934	378,590	356,576	312,467
EXPORTS					
Beef and veal:					
Fresh or frozen	4,168	3,015	1,770	3,077	14,898
Canned	3,584	2,144	2,084	1,297	10,931
Pickled or cured	11,852	11,360	7,753	10,360	13,090
Total beef and veal	19,604	16,519	11,607	14,734	38,919
Pork:					
Fresh or frozen	14,285	4,420	16,306	11,845	6,517
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	6,146	9,047	11,165	12,967	10,753
Bacon ^{5/}	11,551	27,723	39,814	41,215	7,154
Other pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured:	20,515	12,243	10,023	24,862	50,685
Hams and shoulders, canned	3/	3/	3/	2,327	1,296
Other pork, canned	7,152	4,825	4,942	3,539	3,003
Total pork	59,649	58,258	82,250	96,755	79,408
Lamb and Mutton: (except canned)	787	334	207	374	1,313
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters:					
Except canned	1,192	1,011	1,118	1,188	1,368
Canned	3,675	1,864	4,154	3,293	3,475
Sausage ingredients, cured, Excl. canned:	2,401	1,464	439	6/	6/
Meat and meat products, canned n.e.c.	6,652	3,959	2,947	1,329	2,270
Baby food, canned	3/	3/	3/	322	395
Total meat exports	93,960	83,409	102,722	117,995	127,148

1/ Includes estimated amounts erroneously classified as other canned meats or prepared or preserved meat.

2/ Including canned 3/ Previously included in another category. 4/ Excludes estimated amounts of boneless beef which are included with beef and veal as noted in footnote 1. 5/ Includes Cumberland and Wiltshire sides.

6/ Not separately classified.

BEEF AND VEAL: 1/ United States imports by country of origin,
1935-39 average, annual 1949-53

(Product weight basis)

Country	: 1935-39 : average	: 1949	: 1950	: 1951	: 1952	: 1953
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds
Canada	: 1,840	: 88,237	: 73,369	: 91,613	: 2,027	: 17,495
Mexico	: --	: --	: --	: 46,352	: 72,391	: 24,953
Honduras	: --	: --	: --	: --	: 468	: --
Dominican Republic	: --	: 8,796	: 8,733	: 3,806	: 1,886	: 4,534
Ireland	: 1	: --	: 426	: 9,795	: 15,921	: 5,632
Argentina	: 36,388	: 44,722	: 90,373	: 141,666	: 107,566	: 87,455
Brazil	: 9,513	: 6,755	: 8,756	: 5,729	: 3,164	: 73
Paraguay	: 2,869	: 2,348	: 5,520	: 424	: 2,370	: 244
Uruguay	: 36,108	: 19,834	: 22,760	: 18,652	: 16,898	: 16,862
Australia	: 65	: 3	: 101	: 396	: 2,305	: 322
New Zealand	: 959	: --	: --	: 76	: 58,813	: 2,419
Others	: 1,805	: 6	: 57	: 639	: 488	: 110
Total	: 89,548	: 170,701	: 210,095	: 319,148	: 284,297	: 160,099

1/ Includes estimated quantities of boneless beef included in "other meat"
Census classification 0032900.

MUTTON & LAMB: United States imports by country of origin,
1935-39 average, annual 1949-53

(product weight basis)

Country	: 1935-39 : average	: 1949	: 1950	: 1951	: 1952	: 1953
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds
Canada	: 10	: 3,641	: 2,762	: 2,714	: 1	: 9
Iceland	: --	: --	: 111	: 1,995	: 446	: 10
Ireland	: --	: --	: --	: 272	: 301	: 1
Australia	: 4	: 15	: 518	: 1,481	: 5,400	: 3,015
New Zealand	: 16	: --	: 2	: 274	: 8	: 88
Others	: 40	: --	: --	: --	: --	: --
Total	: 70	: 3,656	: 3,393	: 6,736	: 6,156	: 3,123

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE: Compiled from official records of the Bureau
of the Census. March 11, 1954

PORK: United States imports by country of origin,
1935-39 average, annual 1949-53

(Product weight basis)

Country	1935-39 Average	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Canada	8,919	683	14,781	22,427	18,515	65,083
Belgium	--	--	37	14	125	950
Czechoslovakia	127	--	196	94	--	33
Denmark	1,473	128	2,661	4,198	8,861	15,575
Estonia	403	--	--	--	--	--
France	7	1	18	49	70	199
Germany ^{1/}	596	--	--	22	3,657	13,066
Hungary	2,049	--	--	--	--	--
Ireland	240	21	189	31	67	81
Italy	519	190	481	474	573	657
Latvia	222	--	--	--	--	--
Lithuania	1,443	--	--	--	--	--
Netherlands	1,031	525	5,971	16,165	20,252	36,707
Poland	24,223	1,096	7,025	5,144	9,366	13,409
Rumania	752	--	--	--	--	--
Sweden	80	--	55	187	238	66
Switzerland	--	4	4	29	25	20
United Kingdom	553	5	27	29	43	17
Yugoslavia	69	--	--	--	--	--
Argentina	902	3	1	--	--	--
Brazil	201	--	--	--	--	--
Others	274	230	186	90	218	163
Total	44,083	2,886	31,632	48,953	62,010	146,026

^{1/} Western Germany, effective January 1, 1952

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE: Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census. 3/18/54

OTHER MEATS: Imports of meats, canned, n.e.s., and
prepared or preserved meats, n.s.p.f.,
annual 1949-1953
(Product Weight Basis)

Country	1949 1/ pounds	1950 1/ pounds	1951 1/ pounds	1952 1/ Estimated: Total : boneless : beef 2/		1953 1/ Estimated: Total : boneless : beef 2/	
				Total	boneless	Total	boneless
Canada	3/18,924	3/19,181	10,857	951	600	1,828	1,200
Mexico	4/	---	517	16,930	15,900	13,874	13,702
Honduras	---	---	---	157	157	---	---
Argentina	2	290	431	1,160	---	771	---
Brazil	124	58	92	---	---	---	---
Uruguay	575	146	326	458	---	712	---
Denmark	2	25	46	127	---	153	---
Ireland	---	14	1,648	6,665	6,665	4,730	4,730
Italy	6	4	21	89	---	273	---
Netherlands	2	10	187	92	---	182	---
United Kingdom	---	4/	233	50	---	6	---
Australia	68	228	194	484	---	94	---
New Zealand	---	9	286	8,206	8,206	434	434
Others	67	49	54	272	---	228	---
Total	19,770	20,014	114,892	35,641	31,528	23,285	20,066

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Quantities of fresh, chilled or frozen boned beef believed classified as "Canned meats, n.e.s., and prepared or preserved meats, n.s.p.f. (including Liver paste)".

3/ Estimated quantities of boneless beef included in this classification are as follows, in million pounds: 1949 - 13.4; 1950 - 11.2; 1951 - 11.1.

4/ Less than 500 pounds.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census. Other sources were used to determine quantities of boneless beef. March 10, 1954

UNITED STATES: Imports of Beef by country of origin,
average 1935-39, annual 1949-53
(Product weight basis)

Item and Country	Average : :1935-39 :	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :
	: pounds :	: pounds :	: pounds :	: pounds :	: pounds :	: pounds :
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Canada	: 1,683 :	: 67,828 :	: 52,474 :	: 74,437 :	: 1,202 :	: 15,734 :
Mexico	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 7,181 :	: 3,401 :
Honduras	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 311 :	: -- :
Dominican Rep.	: -- :	: 8,796 :	: 8,733 :	: 3,806 :	: 1,886 :	: 4,534 :
Ireland	: 1 :	: -- :	: 426 :	: 8,195 :	: 9,256 :	: 886 :
Australia	: 60 :	: 3 :	: 99 :	: 248 :	: 1,531 :	: 230 :
New Zealand	: 925 :	: -- :	: -- :	: 28 :	: 50,598 :	: 1,884 :
Others	: 1,574 :	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 6 :	: 23 :
Total	: 4,243 :	: 76,627 :	: 61,732 :	: 86,714 :	: 71,971 :	: 26,692 :
Veal, fresh, chilled or frozen:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Canada	: 34 :	: 6,706 :	: 9,531 :	: 7,289 :	: 69 :	: 418 :
New Zealand	: 33 :	: -- :	: -- :	: 9 :	: 9 :	: 18 :
Mexico	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 20 :	: 11 :
Others	: 86 :	: -- :	: 2 :	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :
Total	: 153 :	: 6,706 :	: 9,533 :	: 7,298 :	: 98 :	: 447 :
Beef, canned incl. corned	:	:	:	:	:	:
Canada	: 3 :	: 287 :	: 158 :	: 118 :	: 43 :	: 50 :
Mexico	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 3,603 :	: 3,370 :	: 727 :
Argentina	: 36,340 :	: 44,239 :	: 88,539 :	: 130,384 :	: 94,344 :	: 83,105 :
Brazil	: 9,063 :	: 6,751 :	: 8,541 :	: 3,185 :	: 3,127 :	: 73 :
Paraguay	: 2,866 :	: 2,348 :	: 5,512 :	: 424 :	: 2,370 :	: 244 :
Uruguay	: 34,952 :	: 18,716 :	: 21,814 :	: 15,757 :	: 15,789 :	: 15,632 :
Australia	: 1 :	: -- :	: -- :	: 148 :	: 774 :	: 81 :
Others	: 101 :	: 6 :	: 57 :	: 285 :	: 364 :	: 186 :
Total	: 83,326 :	: 72,347 :	: 124,621 :	: 153,904 :	: 120,181 :	: 100,098 :
Beef and veal pickled & cured	:	:	:	:	:	:
Canada	: 120 :	: 16 :	: 6 :	: 269 :	: 113 :	: 93 :
Mexico	: -- :	: -- :	: -- :	: 42,749 :	: 45,920 :	: 7,112 :
Argentina	: 48 :	: 483 :	: 1,834 :	: 11,282 :	: 13,222 :	: 4,349 :
Brazil	: 450 :	: 4 :	: 215 :	: 2,544 :	: 37 :	: -- :
Uruguay	: 1,156 :	: 1,118 :	: 946 :	: 2,895 :	: 1,109 :	: 1,229 :
Others	: 52 :	: -- :	: 8 :	: 354 :	: 118 :	: 13 :
Total	: 1,826 :	: 1,621 :	: 3,009 :	: 60,093 :	: 60,519 :	: 12,796 :

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Imports of Pork, by country of origin,
average 1935-39, annual 1949-53
(Product weight basis)

Item and Country	Average : 1935-39	: 1949	: 1950	: 1951	: 1952	: 1953
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds
Pork, fresh, chilled or frozen:						
Canada	7,224	363	3,756	9,766	2,993	36,587
Dominican Rep.	--	230	--	--	85	11
Lithuania	775	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	351	--	--	--	--	--
United Kingdom	296	--	--	--	--	--
Sweden	66	--	--	--	--	--
Latvia	57	--	--	--	--	--
Others	92	--	18	67	107	53
Total	8,861	593	3,774	9,833	3,185	36,651
Hams, shoulders and bacon						
Canada	1,113	239	10,271	11,970	14,837	26,393
Belgium	--	--	37	14	125	950
Czechoslovakia	122	--	196	94	--	33
Denmark	1,298	128	2,661	4,170	8,819	15,425
Estonia	398	--	--	--	--	--
France	--	1	18	44	65	199
Germany 1/	445	--	--	22	3,645	13,061
Hungary	1,878	--	--	--	--	--
Ireland	238	21	189	31	67	81
Italy	54	17	32	7	17	105
Latvia	163	--	--	--	--	--
Lithuania	626	--	--	--	--	--
Netherlands	912	515	5,946	15,896	19,939	36,329
Poland	22,628	1,096	7,025	5,125	9,366	13,409
Rumania	693	--	--	--	--	--
Sweden	12	--	55	186	235	66
Switzerland	--	4	2	21	22	20
United Kingdom	250	5	25	29	43	17
Argentina	719	3	--	--	--	2/
Brazil	130	--	--	--	--	--
Others	196	--	167	13	12	18
Total	31,875	2,029	26,624	37,622	57,192	106,106

UNITED STATES: Imports of Pork by country of origin,
average 1935-39, annual 1949-53 (Continued)
(Product weight basis)

Item and Country	Average : :1935-39 :	1949 : 1,000 :	1950 : 1,000 :	1951 : 1,000 :	1952 : 1,000 :	1953 : 1,000 :
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Other pork, pickled or salted						
Canada	582	81	718	613	653	2,051
Denmark	173	--	--	25	29	141
Germany 1/	151	--	--	--	--	5
Hungary	171	--	--	--	--	--
Italy	465	173	180	8	26	8
Netherlands	119	10	20	262	241	298
Poland	1,244	--	--	19	--	--
Rumania	59	--	--	--	--	--
Argentina	183	--	--	--	--	--
Brazil	71	--	--	--	--	--
Others	129	--	5	14	20	21
Total	3,347	264	923	941	969	2,524
Sausage, except fresh 3/						
Canada	--	--	36	78	32	52
Denmark	--	--	--	3	13	9
Italy	--	--	269	459	530	544
Netherlands	--	--	5	7	72	80
Others	--	--	1	10	17	60
Total	3/	3/	311	557	664	745

1/ Western Germany beginning Jan. 1, 1952. 2/ Less than 500 lbs. 3/ Prior to May 30, 1950 included with other pork, pickled or salted.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Exports of meats to specified countries, by types
average 1935-39, annual 1949-53

(Product weight basis)

Country & item	Average 1935-39	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Canada 1/						
Beef and veal	5,944	11,187	10,448	8,287	9,318	11,712
Pork, excl. lard	12,598	7,000	4,861	21,882	4,454	102
Mutton and lamb	28	26	8	25	53	681
Other 2/	259	348	317	869	811	738
Total	18,829	18,561	15,634	31,063	14,636	13,233
Mexico						
Beef and veal	91	6	31	46	109	213
Pork, excl. lard	281	160	140	222	1,340	1,986
Mutton & lamb	19	8	1	—	1	47
Other 2/	131	58	142	200	236	403
Total	522	232	314	468	1,686	2,649
Cuba						
Beef and veal	16	24	29	53	1,211	63
Pork, excl. lard	5,450	15,231	22,283	26,930	34,872	22,387
Mutton & lamb	16	9	13	12	17	30
Other 2/	132	1,273	879	267	301	312
Total	5,614	16,537	23,204	27,262	36,401	22,792
Venezuela						
Beef and veal	20	973	926	156	590	646
Pork, excl. lard	1,045	4,371	4,548	3,139	3,483	1,772
Mutton and lamb	1	96	119	12	2	4
Other 2/	346	1,464	1,720	1,841	1,965	1,384
Total	1,412	6,904	7,313	5,148	6,040	3,806
Total 4 countries	26,377	42,234	46,465	63,941	58,763	42,480

1/ Includes New Foundland. 2/ Includes sausage, fresh and canned, sausage ingredients, cured and other canned meats, m.e.c.